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PROJECT NUMBER: 8808	SESSION NUMBER: [redacted] 24
DATE OF SESSION: 4 Aug 88	DATE OF REPORT: 4 Aug 88
START: 1230	END: 1315
METHODOLOGY: WRV	VIEWER IDENTIFIER: 079

1. (S/NF/SK) MISSION: Update the current status and location of USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins. Conduct search at map 4gcations of four embassies in Beirut to determine suspected presence. Address any other significant changes related to the other hostages to include Waite and Cordes.

2. (S/NF/SK) VIEWER TASKING: Tasking as in Para 1 above; exception use numerical designations to conduct search of embassies.

3. (S/NF/SK) COMMENTS: Session was prompted by viewer request to provide an update on Higgins. Request was made during course of update session related to 8813 and conducted this date. A Summary of Information is attached.

4. (S/NF/SK): EVALUATION:

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

USMC LTC William (Rich) Higgins will be released from captivity on 4 August 1988 at 1900 hours mainly as a result of the efforts negotiated by the US State Department representative (Undersecretary of State?) and Lebanese representative. In accordance with terms of the negotiations, and because LTC Higgins is first and foremost a member assigned to a United Nations Unit (UN) he will be transported by ship to Tunisia and Egypt. This is a negotiated and accepted condition governing the release of LTC Higgins.

As an added item to this summary, the CI team should be advised that the old regime (in Lebanon) will not/repeat/not remain in power as a result of the elections in Lebanon. A conservative element that will favor closer and more sympathetic relations with Syria will come into power.

As a last item to this summary it should be noted that mutual visits between the US and the USSR notwithstanding, the implementation of the INF treaty is a "sham".

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